

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 19, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

ABSTRACT

~~It is an object of the present invention to resolve the problems resulting from removing the nut from the joint main body and pulling the pipe and sleeve out from the joint main body and then using these items to rejoin the pipe; or, in other words, to resolve the problems of not being able to ensure airtightness or pressure resistance. The A joint according to the present invention comprises~~ includes a joint main body, (1) ~~having a joining hole (50) and an external threaded part (58), as well as a sleeve (3) and a nut (2). The joint main body has a joining hole and an external threaded part. The nut (2) is serewed threaded~~ onto the external threaded part (58) in a threaded state in which the pipe (10) and the sleeve (3) are inserted through the joining hole, (50), and is used to join The nut joins the pipe (10) to the joining hole (52) via the sleeve (3). The sleeve (3) is tightly fitted to the pipe (10) and the joining hole (52) by the ~~serewing~~ threading of the nut (2), to induce deformation that expands radially outward, ~~is induced, and after the nut (2) is removed from the external threaded part (58) and the pipe (10) and sleeve (3) are pulled out from the joining hole (50),~~ The deformation prevents insertion of the sleeve into the joining hole (50) to a specific position is no longer possible in an unthreaded state in which the pipe and the sleeve have been pulled out from the joining hole.